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ARTICLE ALERT

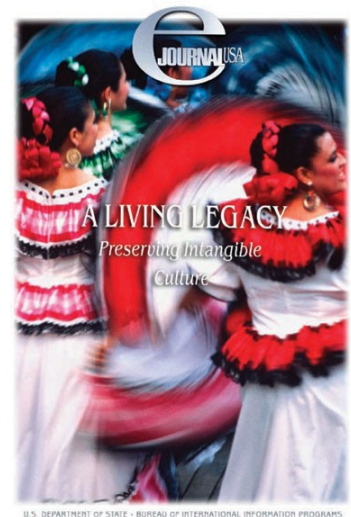
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A LIVING LEGACY: Preserving Intangible Culture

eJournal USA, Department of State, Vol. 15, No. 8, November 2010

<http://www.america.gov/>

The cultural heritage of the United States is rich, diverse and grounded in the contributions of many peoples. It includes millennia-old indigenous Native American culture and tradition and spans the customs, culture and art of the many immigrant groups who have settled in the United States over past centuries and generations. Many tangible expressions of this cultural patrimony are protected in museums, galleries, and other publicly and privately supported institutions. American culture remains vibrant and of global interest precisely because men and women in every part of the nation preserve intangible forms of artistic cultural expression by living them. This issue of eJournal USA explores their stories.



What's New

Media Law Handbook:

What are the privileges and responsibilities of a free press? The handbook explores how free societies answer this question.

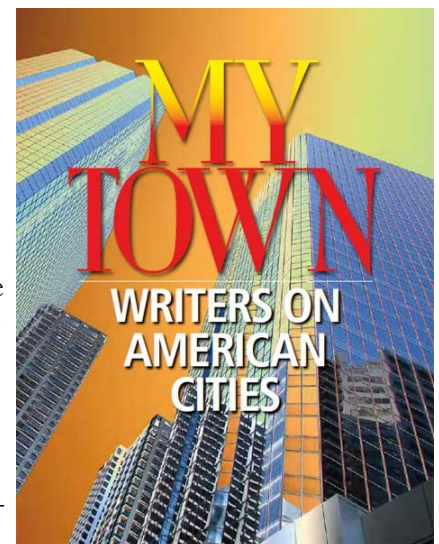
Read fulltext of the handbook at: <http://www.america.gov/publications/books-content/media-law-handbook.html>

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MY TOWN: Writers on American Cities Department of State, November 2010.

<http://www.america.gov/>

This publication features 12 American authors describing how the U.S. cities where they live contribute to their creativity. Pete Hamill offers a touching reminiscence of growing up in New York, Washington Post critic Jonathan Yardley introduces the reader to his hometown of Baltimore, and best-selling author Jonathan Kellerman describes "the sprawling, inchoate alternative-universe" that is Los Angeles. Also featured are portraits of Boston, Houston, Atlanta, Chicago, New Orleans, Memphis, Miami, Washington, D.C., and Seattle. Each city is represented by full-color photographs, as well as a portrait of the author.



U.S.—PAKISTAN RELATIONS

6-3/UP

OVERVIEW OF THE 2010 AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN ANNUAL REVIEW

White House, December 2010

<http://www.america.gov/>

On December 16, 2010 President Obama presented the results of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Annual Review (APAR). “Our overarching goal remains the same: to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and to prevent its capacity to threaten America and our allies in the future.” - President Barack Obama, West Point, December 1, 2009

6-4/UP

REALIGNMENT: Managing a Stable Transition to Afghan Responsibility: Recommendations for the United States and Its Allies

Center for American Progress, November 23, 2010.

<http://www.americanprogress.org/>

Current U.S. efforts in Afghanistan are fundamentally out of balance, and they are not advancing U.S. interests and stability in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the region. Military operations drive our strategy while the political and diplomatic framework essential for long-term stability in Afghanistan remains undeveloped. Further, this overinvestment of resources and attention in Afghanistan is out of alignment with core U.S. security interests in the region. Those interests center on reducing the risk of terrorist attacks by Al Qaeda and its affiliated networks against the United States and its allies.

DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL ISSUES

6-5/DGI

5 LESSONS FROM HAITI'S DISASTER

By Paul Farmer

Foreign Policy, No. 183, Dec. 2010, pp. 70-71.

The world pledged some \$10.2 billion in recovery aid to Haiti after Jan. 12's devastating earthquake. Imagine how many people that money could employ, putting

them to work on tasks like removing rubble (only 2 percent of which has been cleared to date), rebuilding key government buildings, and planting trees in a country that is almost entirely deforested. And yet so far, just 116,000 people have been employed in this way. Haiti has 9.8 million people, and at least half were unemployed even before the earthquake. If we focused our efforts on the singular task of getting them jobs -- even if we did nothing else -- Haiti's reconstruction could be a success. The article highlights five lessons from Haiti's disaster which are: 1. Jobs are everything. 2. Don't starve the government. 3. Give them something to go home to. 4. Waste not, want not. 5. Relief is the easy part.

6-6/DGI

10 WAYS SOCIAL MEDIA WILL CHANGE IN 2011

By Ravit Lichtenberg

Ustrategy.com, December 15, 2010.

With more than 550 million people on Facebook, 65 million tweets posted on Twitter each day, and 2 billion video views each day on YouTube—, social media has become an integral part of our connected lives. But this is just the beginning. 2011 will also be marked by new developments that will shape the very fabric of our behavior, culture and identity. These developments will challenge us to consider important questions about the future of our experience as connected people and consumers.

6-7/DGI

100 TOP GLOBAL THINKERS

Foreign Policy, No. 183, December 2010, pp. 33-77.

This article presents a unique portrait of 2010's global marketplace of ideas and the thinkers who make them, including: 1. Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, 2. Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Robert Zoellick, 3. Barack Obama, 4. Zhou Xiaochuan, 5. Ben Bernanke, 6. Celso Amorim, 7. Ahmet Davutoglu, 8. David Petraeus, 9. Robert Gates, 10. Angela Merkel, 11. Michael Bloomberg and Feisal Abdul Rauf, 12. Nouriel Roubini, 13. Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, 14. Steven Chu, 15. George Soros, 16. Liu Xiaobo, 17. Jeff Bezos and Steve Jobs, 18. Shivshankar Menon, 19. Ron Paul, and 20. Mohamed Elbaradei.

6-8/DGI

THE ABUSERS' REACTION: Intensifying Attacks on Human Rights Defenders, Organizations, and Institutions

By Roth, Kenneth

Brown Journal of World Affairs, Vol. 16, No. 2, Spring/Summer 2010, pp. 15-22.

The article focuses on the attacks by abusive governments on human rights defenders, organizations and institutions. Several traditional techniques used by abusive governments in attacking human rights defenders are murderous retaliation, shutting down of human rights organizations, open harassment or detention, use of threats of violence to deter or punish human rights defenders, implementation of restrictive laws on nongovernmental organizations (NGO) and associations, and use of criminal charges.

6-9/DGI

AMERICA, THE AMBIVALENT LEADER

By Christopher S. Chivvis

Current History, Vol. 109, No. 730, November 2010, pp. 336-341.

In this article the author discusses the leadership in global governance exercise by the United States. It is noted that the two organizations created for collective security, the League of Nations and the United Nations, were American ideas and founded under American guidance. A number of topics are addressed including the advantages contained in being a prominent actor in the creation of global governance agencies, aspects of United States foreign policy, and the multi-lateral approach to international relations.

6-10/DGI

BOOKS BEHIND BARS

By Suzanne Merkelson

Foreign Policy, No. 182, November 2010, pp. 101-102.

Countries worldwide have often sought to ban books they find politically inconvenient, religiously awkward, or just plain embarrassing. But for writers like Russia's Vasily Grossman, who pleaded with the Soviet censors in 1961, "I am physically free, but the book to which I have dedicated my life is in jail," a book's ban means far more than just a dip in sales. Here are some books behind bars today.

6-11/DGI

CHANGING THE CHANNEL

By Daniel Chudnov

Computers in Libraries, October 2010, pp. 26-28.

The author, an information technology specialist at the Library of Congress's Office of Strategic Initiatives, reflects on how technology innovation has changed the way in which people use media devices, focusing on the implications of the trend for both people's homes and libraries.

6-12/DGI

DEMOCRACY IN CYBERSPACE: What Information Technology Can and Cannot Do

By Ian Bremmer

Foreign Affairs, Vol. 89, No. 6, November/December 2010, pp. 86-92.

A favorite view of the Internet holds that the democratization of communications will bring about the democratization of the world. In fact, the relationship between cyberspace and political liberalization is far more complex. Although the Internet may help erode authoritarian power over time, for now, its impact on international politics is not so easy to predict.

6-13/DGI

THE DIGITAL DISRUPTION: Connectivity and the Diffusion of Power

By Eric Schmidt and Jared Cohen

Foreign Affairs, Vol. 89, No. 6, November/December 2010, pp. 75-86.

Communications technology allows governments to spread their values and secure their interests. But increased connectivity also poses a number of dangers. To foster the free flow of information and challenge authoritarian regimes, democratic states will have to learn to create alliances with people and companies at the forefront of the information revolution.

6-14/DGI

A GLOBALIZED GOD: Religion's Growing Influence in International Politics

By Scott M Thomas

Foreign Affairs, Vol. 89, No. 6, November/December 2010, pp. 93-102.

Religion is on the rise around the world, from the southern United States to the Middle East. If the United States recognizes and utilizes the worldwide

religious resurgence, it can harness its power to improve international security and better the lives of millions. But if it does not, the potential for religiously motivated violence may increase dramatically.

6-15/DGI

INTENSIVE CARE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

By Thomas G. Weiss

Current History, Vol. 109, No. 730, November 2010, pp. 322-328.

In this article the author examines the United Nations in 2010 on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the founding of the institution. The author notes that there is a growing lacuna between major global problems and the competence of major decision making bodies to deal with them. A number of topics are addressed including the desire to re-engage in international relations on the part of the United States declared by U.S. president Barack Obama, revision of the United Nations, and the United Nation and state sovereignty.

6-16/DGI

KEY EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

By Laurence F. Johnson and others.

The Education Digest, October 2010, pp. 34-38.

The authors examine emerging technologies that could have an impact on education between 2010 and 2015. Predictions of key trends and critical challenges that face education and technology are also discussed.

6-17/DGI

LEADING THROUGH CIVILIAN POWER

By Clinton, Hillary Rodham

Foreign Affairs, November/December 2010, Vol. 89, No. 6, pp. 13-24.

An emphasis on civilian power is in keeping with America's history and traditions. The Marshall Plan was a civilian, development initiative undertaken with European governments. Eleanor Roosevelt chaired the drafting committee that produced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Decades before the term "soft power" was coined, President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps to show the world a different face of the United States. The American scientist Norman Borlaug was responsible for the "green revolution" that fed millions of hungry people. U.S. diplo-

mats helped negotiate the reunification of Europe in 1991 without a shot fired.

6-18/DGI

THE LIBRARY SPACE AS LEARNING SPACE

By Keith Webster

EDUCAUSE Review, Vol. 45, No. 6, November/December 2010.

<http://www.educause.edu>

We spend increasingly large parts of our budgets on electronic resources, we see huge student demand for access to a variety of learning spaces (often in response to changes in teaching and assessment), we see rapid reductions in the use of print collections, and we face increasing demands for repository development to support research funders' accessibility frameworks. What may be missing, though, is a more systematic assessment of the situation: can we be sure that our observations are part of an enduring shift in client behavior? And what can we say about the value that library services contribute to the college/university enterprise at this time of seemingly profound change?

6-19/DGI

NODDING OR NEEDLING: Analyzing Delegate Responsiveness in an Authoritarian Parliament

By Edmund Malesky and Paul Schuler

American Political Science Review, Vol. 104, No. 3, pp. 482-?

Recent scholarship argues that one solution to ensure longevity and economic growth in an authoritarian regime is to co-opt potential opposition by offering them limited policy influence in a national legislature. Although cooptation theory generates a number of predictions for delegate behavior within an authoritarian parliament, the opacity of such regimes has made empirical confirmation difficult.

6-20/DGI

TABLOID FEMINIST

By Ben Wallace-Wells

Atlantic Monthly, Vol. 306, No. 5, December 2010, pp. 20-24.

The article discusses attorney Gloria Allred, focusing on her feminist activism and her representation of clients associated with tabloid culture. Her work on behalf of victims of discrimination and sexual harassment is contrasted with celebrity clients including

singer Mel B, mother of octuplets Nadya Suleman, and pornography actress Veronica Siwik-Daniels. Allred comments on the victimization experienced by her clients.

6-21/DGI

**THERE IS EVERYTHING RIGHT WITH BE-
ING AN AMERICAN MUSLIM**

By Feisal Abdul Rauf

Vital Speeches of the Day, Vol. 76, No. 11, pp. 482-485.

The article presents a speech by Masjid al-Farah mosque Imam, Feisal Abdul Rauf, delivered at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on September 13, 2010 in which he talked about his love of Islam and America, his experience as an American Muslim, and the religious character of the United States.

6-22/DGI

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

By Paul Farhi

American Journalism Review, Vol. 32, No.3, Fall 2010, pp. 46-51.

“The advent of highly detailed metrics hasn't eliminated the need for creative editors, but it is guiding some of their calls. So-called content farms, such as Yahoo!'s Associated Content, AOL's Seed and Demand Media, have essentially automated the functions of the assignment desk. Demand, for example, uses sophisticated algorithms to sift through haystacks of Web searches and other data to identify popular search topics (say, "garden gnomes").”

6-23/DGI

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: The Perspec-
tive of Academic Women**

By Kalaca, Sibel and Dundar, Pinar

BMC Public Health, 2010, Vol. 10, pp. 490-496.

Opinion surveys about potential causes of violence against women (VAW) are uncommon. This study explores academic women's opinions about VAW and the ways of reducing violence. Quantitative and qualitative methods were used in this descriptive study. One hundred-and-fifteen academicians participated in the study from two universities. Academic women introduced an ecological approach for the explanation of VAW by stressing the importance of taking into account the global context of the occurrence of VAW.

6-24/DGI

THE WORLD THAT AMERICA SEEKS

By Barack Obama

Vital Speeches of the Day, Vol. 76, No. 11, November 2010, pp. 508-512.

The article presents a speech by U.S. President Barack Obama, delivered at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City on September 23, 2010 in which he discusses his administration's economic policy in light of a global financial crisis, efforts to bring peace to the Middle East region, and the War on Terrorism.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

6-25/IS

**THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF AFGHANI-
STAN**

**By Radha Kumar and Fabrice Pothier and Waliul-
lah Rahmani**

Center for European Policy Studies, October 2010.

<http://www.ceps.eu/book/political-future-afghanistan>

Growing insurgency threatens Afghanistan internally while regional ambitions threaten to tear the nation apart from the outside. The post-Taliban democratic state faces existential strategic threats as a consequence. This report brings together the views of three experts on what is needed to secure and consolidate peace in Afghanistan.

6-26/IS

THE DRONE WARS

By Peter Bergen and Katherine Tiedemann,

Atlantic Monthly, Vol. 306, No. 5, December 2010, pp. 80-81.

The article discusses the use of remotely-piloted aircraft, or drone aircraft, in Pakistan during the presidencies of former U.S. President George W. Bush and U.S. President Barack Obama. Destruction and civilian casualties caused by missiles launched from drones such as the Predator are explored. The use of drones to target officials of the terrorist organization al-Qaeda, extremists, and militants in Pakistan is examined.

South Asia.

6-27/IS

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN POWER:

Dominance and Decline in Perspective

By Joseph S. Nye

**Foreign Affairs, Vol. 89, No. 6 November/
December 2010, pp. 2-12.**

“As the largest power, the United States will remain important in global affairs, but the twentieth-century narrative about an American century and American primacy—as well as narratives of American decline—is misleading when it is used as a guide to the type of strategy that will be necessary in the twenty-first century. The coming decades are not likely to see a post-American world, but the United States will need a smart strategy that combines hard- and soft-power resources—and that emphasizes alliances and networks that are responsive to the new context of a global information age.”

6-28/IS

MANUFACTURING INSECURITY: How Militarism Endangers America

By William Pfaff

**Foreign Affairs, Vol. 89, No. 6, November/
December 2010, pp. 133-41.**

The United States has built an all-but-irreversible worldwide network of more than 1,000 military bases. This militaristic system was created to enhance U.S. national security, but it has done the opposite. U.S. security is far more likely to emerge from a speedy negotiated military withdrawal from both Afghanistan and Iraq and disengagement from military interference in the affairs of other societies.

6-29/IS

POSTURING FOR PEACE? Pakistan's Nuclear Postures and South Asian Stability

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Winter 2010.

<http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/>

A probe of various regional power nuclear postures reveals that such postures, rather than simply the acquisition of nuclear weapons, can have differential effects on deterrence and stability dynamics. The India-Pakistan dyad is a useful candidate for exploring these various effects because the three regional power nuclear postures—catalytic, assured retaliation, and asymmetric escalation—have interacted with each other in

6-30/IS

WHILE AMERICA FOUGHT

By Alex Palmer

**Harvard International Review, Summer 2010, pp.
20-24.**

The author, a senior editor of *Harvard International Review*, examines the implications of a new U.S. foreign policy focus, with an emphasis on changes in U.S. foreign policy, which marks a change in the global power balance wherein the geopolitical groundwork of world security is shifting.

6-31/IS

WAR IN AFGHANISTAN—The December Review

By Gilles Dorronsoro, Karen DeYoung

**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,
December 2, 2010.**

One year after announcing a new strategy for the war in Afghanistan, the Obama administration is set to assess the current approach this month—even as officials downplay the possibility of a shift in tactics. Carnegie's Gilles Dorronsoro—a frequent traveler to the region—spoke with the *Washington Post's* Karen DeYoung about current U.S. strategy, the situation on the ground, and how to find a viable exit from Afghanistan.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

5-33/ES

EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODS: Comparing Haiti and Pakistan

By Elizabeth Ferris

The Brookings Institution, August 2010.

<http://www.brookings.edu>

Comparisons between the response to the Haitian earthquake and to Pakistan's floods are perhaps inevitable, as these major tragedies occurred within seven months of each other. Much of the commentary has focused on possible reasons for the disproportionate donor response to the two disasters. But there are other similarities—and differences—between the two cases that deserve further attention. This publication

seeks to provide some comparisons between disasters in Haiti and Pakistan by looking first at the difference in the nature of the disasters, followed by comparison of housing needs, displacement, and the international response.

5-33/ES

THE GREAT BATTERY RACE

By Steve LeVine

Foreign Policy, No. 182, November 2010, pp. 88-96.

Developed countries and rising powers alike are looking to curb their oil-guzzling habits. The result is a new global interest in alternatives to petroleum and the internal combustion engine -- most prominently advanced battery technology, the necessary precondition for the development of an affordable, powerful electric car. By 2030, experts say, advanced batteries will swell into a \$100 billion-a-year business.

5-34/ES

THE GLOBAL BUDGET RACE

By Douglas J Besharov and Douglas M Call

The Wilson Quarterly, Autumn 2010, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 38-50.

Even in nations that pride themselves on providing "universal" social welfare benefits, the middle class has been excluded from entire categories of benefits for reasons of economy. Whether it knows it or not, the middle class in these countries pays for the benefits it does receive through an array of direct and indirect taxes. Even some of the most fervently committed advocates on the left seem to appreciate the importance of competitive forces and market pricing in the provision of social welfare benefits.

5-35/ES

PAKISTAN: Economic Intelligence Report

Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU), October 2010.

The crisis caused by the worst floods in Pakistan's history has added to the government's problems. The prospect of an improvement in political effectiveness is remote, and the government may face a no-confidence vote. The government's slow response to the floods has placed it in an even less favourable light than before. Meanwhile, the army's stature has risen, as perceptions of its relief work have been broadly positive. National security will remain a pressing issue, but post-flood rescue and reconstruction efforts will

divert military resources away from its campaign against Islamist militants in the short term.

U.S. SOCIETY AND VALUES

5-36/ES

PRIVATIZING MONEY

By Leland B. Yeager

Cato Journal, Vol. 30, No. 1, Fall 2010, pp. 27-40.

What might replace the dollar if it collapses or becomes unmanageable? The author, a Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Virginia and Auburn University, discusses the privatization of the currency system in order to restore global financial stability.

5-37/ES

TRADE AND FOREIGN POLICY ATTITUDES

By Katja B. Kleinberg and Benjamin O. Fordham

Journal of Conflict Resolution, October 2010, pp. 687-714.

Does trade influence whether individuals view other states as friendly or threatening? The authors, both from the Department of Political Science, Binghamton University, examine the relationships between trade attitudes and foreign policy views, and how trade influences individual foreign policy attitudes.

6-38/SV

FINDING FORSTER

By Ian Buruma

National Interest, No. 110, November/December, pp. 14-21.

Perhaps the term humanist would be better.

"Liberalism" is open to conflicting interpretations. In the United States it is associated with leftism, and the view that the state should play a powerful role in building a more equal society. In Europe, the classic sense of liberalism means the exact opposite—conservative, laissez-faire economics. But liberalism for Forster and others of his ilk is as much a state of mind as a political program, something that might be described best in three key words: (individual) freedom, moderation and tolerance—themes that are much under attack these days, not just from Islamist and other religious fanatics, but also from some of

those who have set themselves up as defenders of the West against the Islamic threat.

6-39/SV

THE QUEEN OF TALK BETS ON BECOMING CABLE'S LAST WORD

Businessweek, No. 4208, December 13, 2010, pp. 21-22.

The article discusses the cable channel Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) owned by Discovery Communications and Winfrey's company Harpo, its January 1, 2011 premiere, and its prospects for profitability. OWN chief executive Christina Norman and online advertising executive Ron Schneier are cited regarding their views of the future success of OWN.

6-40/SV

YOUR CHILD LEFT BEHIND

By Amanda Ripley

Atlantic Monthly, Vol. 306, No. 5, pp. 94-98.

The article discusses research by economist Eric Hanushek of Stanford University which addresses differences between the academic performance of American students and that of students in countries such as Taiwan, China, and Switzerland. The author argues that poor performance by American students is not due to racial diversity and that educational reform can improve student achievement. The example of Massachusetts and its emphasis on educational reform is discussed.

6-41/ES

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT: Transforming the Institution
By Cyndi Rowland and others.

EDUCAUSE Review, Vol. 45, No. 6, November/December 2010.

A coming shift toward Universal Design for Digital Environments (UDDE) will allow full engagement in the rich experiences of the electronic world, thus creating new capabilities that serve everyone in the campus community—students, faculty, and staff. Universal design was originally aimed at innovations in architecture, community spaces, and products, but today it is about creating services and products, from the beginning, in ways that will benefit the widest array of users, including those with disabilities, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

BOOK ALERT

The Following books are available in the "Lincoln Reading Lounge at the National Library of Pakistan. For more information, please call at 051-9206436.

1857 WAR OF INDEPENDENCE OR A CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS?: British Public Reactions

By Salahuddin Malik

Oxford University Press, September 2008.

This book offers an interesting and illuminating study of Great Britain and Indo-Pakistan subcontinent in the nineteenth century. It sheds light on the motives behind British imperialism in South Asia and religious interactions in India between Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism. It also provides an informative backdrop behind the concept of clash of civilizations between Christianity and Islam.

THE BREAKUP 2.0: disconnecting over new media
By Ilana Gershon

Cornell University Press, July 2010.

In her surprisingly gripping first book, Gershon argues that Facebook and other forms of new media social networking have radically changed the playing field of accepted interactions. Generations navigate these new forms differently and a whole new set of norms is being developed to judge behavior. Do people really break up via text message? The answer is yes, and Gershon asserts that in this case "the medium is at odds with the message.

POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY: Building International Order in an Era of Transnational Threats

By Bruce Jones

Brookings Institution, March 2009,.

In "Power and Responsibility" Bruce Jones, Carlos Pascual, and Stephen Stedman provide the conceptual underpinnings for a new approach to sovereignty and cooperation. They present ideas for the new U.S. administration, working with other global powers, to promote together what they cannot produce apart - peace and stability. Recommendations follow more

than a year of consultations with policymakers and experts all over the world. They reflect the guidance of the Managing Global Insecurity Project Advisory Group, composed of prominent figures from the United States and abroad. They call for the new president and key partners to launch a 2009 campaign to revitalize international cooperation and rejuvenate international institutions. As Washington prepares for a presidential transition, the time has arrived for a serious rethinking of American policy. For the United States, this is no time to go it alone.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT: Global Problems and Local Solutions

By Rajib Shaw

CRC Press, August 2009.

The world is becoming increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters. Disaster data in recent years shows an increase in the physical, social, and economic impacts of these tragedies. While a global perspective of disaster management is necessary, it is also important to emphasize local solutions. This volume targets some of the key issues of disaster management on the local level, focusing on innovative research and applications. An up-to-date reference book for researchers and practitioners, this text explores different types of hazards and disasters and examines the interrelated themes of risk and vulnerability, technology, education, and community.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

Edited by Jack Pinkowski

CRC Press, January 2008.

Disaster Management Handbook presents an analytical critique of the interrelated, multidisciplinary issues of preparedness, response, and recovery in anticipating and rebuilding from disasters. Beginning with an introduction to the theoretical constructs and conceptual foundations of disaster management, the book reviews the relationship of modern development to disaster vulnerability, the politics of disaster management, leadership, and the role of agency coordination. The second and third sections examine case studies and lessons learned through natural disasters in North America and around the world. They compare and contrast the efficacy of different management strategies from national, provincial, and local governments, as well as non-governmental agencies.

GAMING THE WORLD: how sports are reshaping global politics and culture

By Andrei S. Markovits

Princeton University Press, June 2010.

Andrei Markovits and Lars Rensmann take readers into the exciting global sports scene, showing how soccer, football, baseball, basketball, and hockey have given rise to a collective identity among millions of predominantly male fans in the United States, Europe, and around the rest of the world. They trace how these global--and globalizing--sports emerged from local pastimes in America, Britain, and Canada over the course of the twentieth century, and how regionalism continues to exert its divisive influence in new and potentially explosive ways. Markovits and Rensmann explore the complex interplay between the global and the local in sports today, demonstrating how sports have opened new avenues for dialogue and shared interest internationally even as they reinforce old antagonisms and create new ones. Gaming the World reveals the pervasive influence of sports on our daily lives, making all of us citizens of an increasingly cosmopolitan world while affirming our local, regional, and national identities.

THE GOLDEN MEAN: a novel of Aristotle and Alexander the great

By Annabel Lyon

Random House, 2010.

The bond between teacher and student occupies the center of Canadian Lyon's debut novel covering the three years during which Aristotle tutored the young Alexander the Great, before Alexander's accession to the throne of Macedonia. The philosopher narrates, recounting his arrival in the court of Philip of Macedonia, Aristotle's upbringing, and his bond with the ruling family. The teenaged Alexander is headstrong and arrogant, but also insecure and vulnerable. "Every student is both a challenge and a laurel leaf," Aristotle says in an early, disputatious meeting. "I haven't seen anything in you that tells me you're extraordinary in any way." Alexander matures as he absorbs Aristotle's core principles. "You must look for the mean between extremes, the point of balance," Aristotle advises the future military genius. Lyon depicts Aristotle's desire to instill a sense of virtue in his royal pupil in clear, often earthy language, and brings 4th-century Greece to startling life. Lyon richly imagines Aristotle's stint as Macedonia's royal academician, who gave Alexander the intellectual tools to not only rule but to civilize.

**MAKING OUR DEMOCRACY WORK: A
Judge's View**
By Stephen Breyer
Random House, 2010.

Justice Breyer was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1994 (and, of course, he serves for life, as mandated by the Constitution). His book partners well with Jeffrey Toobin's well-received *The Nine* (2007), which is an account of the politics and personalities of the current Supreme Court. Breyer projects a larger context, supplying both historical and judicial background to give the nonspecialist a generalized picture of how the Supreme Court works. He explains the Court's role in ensuring a workable democracy, in guaranteeing that the Constitution works in practice and in the real world. Certainly an interesting aspect of this greatly informative book is Breyer's look back over the history of the republic to see how the public—and even the U.S. president—has accepted Court decisions. (It is not readily imaginable, to be sure, but, nevertheless, it is dramatically illustrated here that such acceptance was a principle that was not easy to plant within social and political consciousnesses.)

VIDEO ALERT

The Following videos are available in the "Lincoln Corner Islamabad. For more information, please call at 051-9257996 or email at ircisb@state.gov

**759 BOY SCOUTS OF HARLEM
(DVD, 2009) 72 MINS. COLOR**

Be prepared to be amazed as Scout Troop 759 heads from the streets of Harlem to the woods of Camp Kew-Owa. Eleven year old new scout Keith Dozier spends his first week at camp facing the challenges of the woods - the dock test in the deep dark lake, creepy creatures of the night, the daunting climbing tower, the raucous dining hall and the seductive Siberian sirens of the kitchen. With help from his fellow Scouts KC, Devon and Manny and wise Scoutmaster Sowah, young Keith faces the challenges and earns his place as a Scout. 759: Boy Scouts of Harlem is a warm, tender, and funny family documentary about Scouting in an unexpected place.

BIOGRAPHY: Barack Obama
Biography.com, DVD, 47 minutes, 2008.

BIOGRAPHY® narrates the definitive story of BARACK OBAMA, from his childhood in Honolulu to the dramatic 2007-2008 U.S. primaries. Follow Obama through his teenage struggles for self-identity, his student days at Columbia University and Harvard Law School, and finally, through his political career in Chicago, where he rose to fame through a focus on ethics and political reform. Go behind the scenes of Obama's extraordinarily successful presidential campaign — in which he raised a record-breaking \$58 million in six months — and join his exciting journey towards the 2008 Democratic Convention. Pulsing with the energy of the man himself, BARACK OBAMA chronicles the uniquely American story of one man rising up to fight for what he believes in and quite possibly the dawning of a new chapter in American history.

CYBERETHICS
Films.com, DVD, 14 minutes.

Most people learn traditional standards of behavior and respect for others by the time they are teenagers—but many don't realize that those rules are just as valid in cyberspace. This program helps students take the high road on the information superhighway and avoid the temptations of the fast lane, pointing the way toward an ethically sound Internet presence and lifestyle. Guidelines for the use of intellectual property are featured, with emphasis on the consequences of illegal downloading, copyright infringement, and plagiarism. Pornography, gaming sites, chat rooms, and online social networks are also discussed, helping viewers steer clear of antisocial and abusive activities, especially cyber-bullying. Comments from experts, as well as questions from peers who are confused about the fine points of cyber legality, serve to clarify central ethical principles.

LINCOLN ON COMMUNICATION
DVD, 60 Minutes

This educational resource is ideal for the classroom—for students from middle school and high school to college, government, and business. It's been acclaimed by communication experts and educators alike. It's perfect for self-study—for people who want to improve just like Lincoln did. The running time is 60 minutes, which makes it perfect for the classroom.

It comes with a helpful teacher/trainer guide written by Dr. Griessman, which includes discussion points.

THE PAPER

DVD, FILM BY AARON MATTHEWS.

Over the last 20 years, public trust in the press has steadily declined. Documenting a crisis-filled year at Pennsylvania State University's campus newspaper, *The Daily Collegian*, **THE PAPER** explores the vital role of the press from a fresh perspective: America's future media makers. At a time when Penn State is churning with heated rallies, political debates and community concerns, the year's biggest stories are the *Collegian*'s own problems. Circulation plummets amidst controversies over lack of diversity in the newsroom, faulty coverage of sexual assault and limited access to university officials. These issues raise questions about the *Collegian*'s

US NOW: WHAT SOCIETY GAINS FROM ONLINE COLLABORATION (DVD, 2008), 60 MINUTES, COLOR

More than ever, large groups of people use the Internet to work together, share advice, or take public action. This program shows how digital technology has fostered radical models of social organization and collaboration. Viewers encounter the democratically managed British football club Ebbsfleet United, which fields team lineups chosen by its fans; the online lending service Zopa, which enables all users to be bank managers; the CouchSurfing network, which matches travelers with hospitable homes; and more. Leading cultural observers explain how these organizations advance principles of transparency, self-selection, and open participation. Topics also include government and electoral processes.

THREE FAITHS, ONE GOD: Judaism, Christianity, Islam DVD, Color, PAL,

THREE FAITHS, ONE GOD captures a broad range of voices and ideas of ordinary people and respected scholars in the interfaith field. The program compares the religious practices of the three faiths, including the rituals of prayer, fasting, and marriage. Later, the program features a dramatic and moving example of reconciliation as the father of murdered Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl opens a dialogue between Muslims and Jews to create better un-

derstanding between the two faiths. In the same spirit, a conflict-resolution workshop engages in an intensive dialogue as youth attempt to dispel myths, misconceptions and stereotypes about each others' religion. It thoughtfully examines the religious beliefs and practices shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims. It compares the similarities and differences in religious beliefs and practices that Islam has with Christianity and Judaism. It also examines how people of goodwill in the Abrahamic faith communities (a term adopted to designate the three monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – which claim Abraham as part of their sacred history) are coming to terms with historical conflicts that impact their lives today. Author of *The History of God*, Karen Armstrong states at the opening of the film: "Jews, Christians, and Muslims have developed markedly similar notions of the divine though often working in isolation and hostility with one another."

TRAINING GIRLS AND WOMEN TO WIN DVD Video, 3 Discs Set

In the world of women's soccer, no one can match the combined experience of April Heinrichs as a player and coach. 'Training Girls and Women to Win' is a 3-part series in which girls and women soccer players and coaches, under the direction of Coach Heinrichs, demonstrate a series of skills and drills for both youth and advanced players. Each tape includes sections on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of soccer.